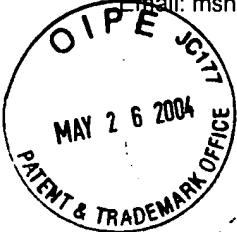


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Filed: April 30, 2001
For: Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector For Nerve Cell
Inventor(s): Fukumura, et al.
Atty Dkt No.: 966902.10003

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1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO 1449;
4. Cited Reference with English Translation; and
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4. Relevance of the non-English language document(s) is discussed in the present specification. See pages _____ of the specification of the present application.

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6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) is attached hereto or appears below. The reference was cited in the corresponding Japanese application mailed to Applicants on April 28, 2004.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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